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To: Altieri, Sonia [Altieri.Sonia@epa.gov]; Tyler, Tom [Tyler.Tom@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Message from Radhika Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator for OW

Very nice! I'm going to pass this along to Michal.

From: Altieri, Sonia <Altieri.Sonia@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Tyler, Tom <Tyler.Tom@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from Radhika Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator for OW

Wow!!

From: Fox, Radhika <Fox.Radhika@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:57 AM
To: OW-EVERYONE-HQ_SG <OWEVERYONEHQ@epa.gov>
Subject: Message from Radhika Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator for OW

Good Morning, Office of Water!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Radhika Fox, and I am honored and humbled to serve the Biden Administration as Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator and Acting Assistant Administrator for OW. I am very excited to work with you all to achieve our many, many shared goals.

I became acutely aware of the importance of clean and reliable water at a very young age. Living in the U.S. and visiting my extended family's home in India—where we relied on drinking water from a well and pit latrines to handle wastewater—I learned that water is a powerful force for economic opportunity and community well-being. While our nation's water systems are largely invisible, I learned at a young age that they are the lifeblood of our communities. These early experiences set my professional trajectory. I spent the last five years as the US Water Alliance and several years before that at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. On January 20, 2021, I was sworn in to my new position at EPA. I am proud to be the first woman of color to serve in this position for OW.

This is an exciting time to be at the EPA. OW will play a key role in the Biden Administration's plan to build back better. Our nation faces both great challenges and great opportunities, and I wish to work with you to ensure that water has a central role in tackling the multiple, compounding crises that face our nation—COVID-19, economic recession, racial injustice, and the climate crisis. **I am also deeply committed to working with you.** While the norms of decency, inclusion, transparency, collaboration, accountability, data, and science begin at the top (with President Biden and Vice President Harris), they are also deeply rooted in me. These norms will guide our work as we use EPA regulations, grants, voluntary programs, and partnerships to benefit communities. I also bring a **strong focus on people**—together we can foster a culture of collaboration that leverages the incredible talent across the team at OW to improve outcomes for the people we serve across the country.

I've had the pleasure of virtually meeting several of OW's senior leaders and I look forward to getting to know all of you. I have asked to set up an OW All Hands in the near future. Please be on the lookout for that invitation as I hope you all will join.

In Partnership,
Radhika

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